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STRATEGY FOR SAFEGUARD OF LABOUR LAWS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Labour Organisation (ILO) has urged the Ministry to fulfill its commitment on safeguarding labour laws in the Special Economic Zones (SEZs);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether global experiences suggests that SEZs have infringed upon the rights of the workers; and

(d) if so, the strategies to be adopted by the Government to safeguard the interest of the labourers and implement the Labour Laws in SEZs in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The ILO has confirmed that it has not had any discussion with Ministry of Labour and Employment on safeguarding labour laws in the SEZs in India.

(c): No, Sir. The ILO has not mentioned any such observation.

(d): The Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 does not preclude applicability of the labour laws in SEZs.